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SUMMARY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A SECOND PLENUM OF THE PARTY THE LONG OVERDUE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WAS HELD, WITH BOTH EVENTS CHARACTERIZED BY SWIFTNESS AND SECRECY. CHAIRMAN MAO WAS ABSENT FROM BOTH KEY MEETINGS, REFLECTING THE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY WHICH HAS BEEN GRIPPING THE COUNTRY. THE REVISED LEADERSHIP LINEUP, THE STREAMLINED STATE COUNCIL, AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS INDICATE ON BALANCE THAT THE MODERATE, PRAGMATIC POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH PREMIER CHOU ARE TO PREVAIL. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHOU'S NPC REPORT CONTAINED GUARDED BUT FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. -- PRC RELATIONS AND THE PREDICTION IT WOULD CONTINUE PROVIDED THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IS CARRIED OUT. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, WERE DESCRIBED AS HAVING WORSENERED AND MOSCOW WAS ADVISED TO TAKE MEASURES TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND PARTY PLENUM, NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

THE LONG-FOUGHT OVER NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC) CONVENED JANUARY 13-17 IN A SHORT, SECRET SESSION REFLECTING CONTINUING LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS. MAO, WHO CONTINUES TO MEET FOREIGN VISITORS,

DID NOT ATTEND AND IT APPEARS THAT HE MAY HAVE DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF AS WELL FROM THE JANUARY 8-10 SECOND PLENUM OF THE PARTY WHICH PRECEDED THE CONGRESS. THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS REMAINS TO BE SEEN BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LAST YEAR'S ABORTED POLITICAL MOVEMENT WAS THE OLD CHAIRMAN'S LAST HURRAH AND THAT HE HAS BEEN OVERRIDDEN BY MODERATE, ORDER-MINDED FORCES (HONG KONG 0670; HONG KONG 0675).

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## 2. CONGRESS AND MINISTERIAL LINEUP

A NUMBER OF VETERAN CADRES WERE GIVEN ELDER STATEMEN STATUS IN THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND THE NEW STATE COUNCIL IS PRIMARILY A MIX OF VETERANS AND SELECTED MIDDLE AGED CADRES. TENG HSIAO-PING EMERGES AS FIRST AMONG THE VICE PREMIERS, FEW OF WHOM HOLD MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS, WHICH SUGGESTS THEY WILL FUNCTION AS A COLLEGIUM FOR MAJOR DECISIONS. CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, WHO RANKS NUMBER THREE IN THE GOVERNMENT AFTER CHOU AND TENG, AND HUA KUO-FENG, WHO HAS THE SENSITIVE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY, EMERGE AS MEN TO WATCH. THE NEW GROUP FEATURES ECONOMIC PLANNERS AND HAS A LOWER REPRESENTATION FROM THE MILITARY.

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3. THE STATE COUNCIL HAS BEEN STREAMLINED FROM 49 MINISTRIES AND COMMISSIONS TO 29, BUT THE CURRENTLY TROBLED COAL AND RAILWAY SECTORS HAVE BEEN PUT UNDER THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES FOR GREATER ATTENTION (HONG KONG 0714). THE FIRST ACTION OF THE NEW STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NPC FOLLOWING THE CONGRESS WAS TO APPOINT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG -FEI AS SECRETARY GENERAL AND FORMER CHEKIANG FIRST SECRETARY CHIANG HUA AS PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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## 4. STATE CONSTITUTION

THE NEW PRC CONSTITUTION, A FORESHORTENED , MORE VAGUELY DRAFTED REPLACEMENT FOR THE ORIGINAL 1954 CHARTER, FOR THE FIRST TIME ASSERTS THE PRIMACY OF THE PARTY OVER THE STATE AND PAYS HOMAGE TO MARXIST-LENINIST-MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT (HONG KONG 0725). THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLIC, FORMERLY FILLED BY CULTURAL REVOLUTION VICTIM LIU SHAO-CHI, IS ELIMINATED AND COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES IS DELEGATED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO MENTION OF MAO PERSONALLY, AS THERE WAS IN THE DRAFT PROPOSED IN 1970.

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5. THE NEW CONSTITUTION REFLECTS THE OBVIOUS MOVEMENT CHINA HAS MADE TOWARD SOCIALISM SINCE 1954 BUT CONTINUES TO GUARANTEE

A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC RIGHTS, INCLUDING PRIVATE FARM PLOTS AND SIDELINE PRODUCTION. THE RIGHTS OF FREE EXPRESSION ARE INCREASED TO INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE, WHICH CHANG CHUN-CHIAO IN HIS CONGRESS SPEECH ATTRIBUTES TO A PROPOSAL BY MAO (ALTHOUGH IT WAS IN THE 1970 DRAFT AND IS NOT NEW).  
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6. CONGRESS POLICY-- DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

WHEN THE WADDING OF MAO QUOTES IS PEELED AWAY, THE CORE OF PREMIER CHOU'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS IS A NEW VISION OF LONG-RANGE, WALL-TO-WALL ECONOMIC PLANS THAT WILL REQUIRE DOMESTIC STABILITY AND LEAVE LITTLE ROOM FOR DISRUPTIVE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. THE CHOUIST GOAL IS A "POWERFUL MODER SOCIALIST COUNTRY" BEFORE THE END OF THIS CENTURY. THE MAO INSTRUCTIONS HE CITES FOR THIS ARE TEN YEARS OLD, AND THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THE NEW DIRECTION IS INITIATED BY THE OLD CHAIRMAN, OR EVEN HAS HIS PRESENT-DAY ENDORSEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CONGRESS SPEECH OF TOP SHANGHAI LEADER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, WHO PRESUMABLY SPOKE FOR THE LEFT, ACCOMMODATES TO CHOUIST PRAGMATISM, THE CATCH PHRASE IN CHANG'S WORDS BEING "NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY" (HONG KONG 0777).  
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#### 7. CONGRESS POLICY-- FOREIGN AFFAIRS

IN HIS TREATMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE NPC, PREMIER CHOU  
AVOWED IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS OVER THE PAST THREE  
YEARS AND PREDICTED CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IF THE SHANGHAI  
COMMUNIQUE IS "CARRIED OUT IN EARNEST". IN CONTRAST TO THIS  
GUARDEDLY POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS, CHOU  
INDICATED THAT STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS HAVE  
WORSENERED AND ADVISED THE SOVIETS TO DO " SOMETHING TO SOLVE A BIT  
OF THE PROBLEM". CHOU ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO PEKING'S CURRENT  
PRECEPTION OF A "NEW WORLD WAR" THREAT (WR 3), BUT HE WAS VAGUE  
AND HEDGED ON THE INEVITABILITY OF THIS. IN THIS VEIN, HE  
STRESSED THE NEDD FOR EUROPEAN UNITY AND FOR PRC RELATIONS WITH

THE SECOND WORLD (HONG KONG 0777).

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8. UNITED STATES

IT IS ONLY COMMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, NCNA JANUARY 17 SAID THE PREISIDENT "ADMITTED THAT THE STATE OF THE UNION IS NOT GOOD". AFTER PROVIDING STATISTICS ON ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE U.S. NCNA CONCLUDED THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINS NOTHING NEW AND "SUGGESTS THE SAME OLD METHODS" TO CURE THE U.S. ECONOMIC WOES, WHICH THE PRESIDENT "TRIED TO BLAME ON THE INCREASE OF WORLD OIL PRICES". THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARE DEPICTED AS INDICATING THE "U.S. WILL ENGAGE IN A STILL FIERCER WORLDWIDE CONTENTION WITH THE SOVIET UNION".

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9. TRADE BILL. NCNA SEIZED ON THE JEWISH EMIGRATION PROVISION IN THE TRADE BILL TO ATTACK THE SOVIETS FOR TRADING JEWS FOR MFN (HONG KONG 0630). FOLLOWING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET REJECTION OF THE TRADE BILL, NCNA REITERATED CHARGES THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ENGAGED IN "BEHIND THE SCENES DEALINGS WITH WASHINGTON" AND IMPLIED THAT WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY OF THE SOVIET POSITION, AS WELL AS THE LIMITATION ON U.S. CREDIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, HAD FORCED THE SOVIET ABOUT FACE. IN KEEPING WITH ITS STANDARD LINE ON THE FAILURE OF DETENTE, NCNA CONCLUDED THAT U.S. -SOVIET "MUTUAL TRUST" IS FRADULENT AND THE REAL RELATIONSHIP IS "STEPPED-UP CONTENTION" (NCNA JANUARY 17).

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10. GERMANY

AMID THE CONTINUING SOVIET BARRAGE OF PERSONAL CRTICISM OF FRG OPPOSITION LEADER STRAUSS (WR 3) AND REPORTS THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT MAY RECONSIDER HIS PLANNED SPRING VISIT TO PEKING, THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP WENT ALL OUT TO WELCOME STRAUSS. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ON JANUARY 15, STRAUSS MET WITH BOTH CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI THE NEXT DAY. EUROPEAN SECURITY WAS THE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WITH THE PRC EMPHASIZING THE SOVIET THREAT. CURIOUSLY, WHEN PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO-KUAN-HUA WAS CHALLENGED BY STRAUSS ON HIS VIEW OF THE INEVITABILITY OF A SUPERPOWER WAR (PARA 6), CHIAO FAILED TO COME UP WITH ANY RATIONALE FOR THE PREDICTION (PEKING 0089). AS WITH THE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER (THE HAGUE 0256), THE CHINESE INDICATED THE NEED, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN, FOR STRONG NATO AND U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE BUT INDICATED DOUBTS CONCERNING THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR COMMITMENT TO DEFEND EUROPE IN CASE OF SOVIET ATTACK.

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11. JAPAN

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT FROM TOKYO, CHOU EN-LAI TOLD LDP MEMBER SHIGERU HORI THAT CHINA CONSIDERS U.S. -JAPAN RELATIONS AS "VERY IMPORTANT" AND FAVORS CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES (REUTER JANUARY 21).

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12. MEANWHILE PEKING IS PLEASED BY THE APPARENT FAILURE OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND THE FACT THAT CHINA SEEMS TO BE MOVING WELL AHEAD OF THE SOVIETS IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH TOKYO. RECENT STATEMENTS AND REMARKS BY CHINESE LEADERS CLEARLY ENVISION THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF A SINO-JAPAN PEACE TREATY WHICH APPARENTLY WILL INCLUDE NO REFERENCE TO TAIWAN OR THE SENKAKUS. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER RECENT CHINA VISITORS, YOSHIHIRO INAYAMA OF THE CHINA-JAPAN ASSOCIATION ON ECONOMY AND TRADE, CHOU FORESEES THE CONCLUSION OF THE PEACE TREATY WITHIN THREE MONTHS. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TREATY RESUMED IN TOKYO JANUARY 16 (TOKYO 0708; NCNA JANUARY 15-19; TOKYO KYODO NEWS SERVICE JANUARY 17).

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13. POLAND

CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE RULING POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY SEEM LIKELY TO BECOME EVEN ICIER. PRC PARTY OFFICIALS ARE PROVIDING A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITING LEADER OF AN EXILED, SPLINTER, PRO-PEKING FACTION, KAZIMIER MIJAL, WHOM CHINA ELECTS TO LOOK UPON AS "GENERAL SECRETARY" OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY. INVITED BY THE CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HE WAS WELCOMED BY KENG PIAO, HEAD OF THE CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT, AND HS BEEN ENTERTAINED BY PARTY IDEOLOGUE YAO WEN-YUAN (NCNA JANUARY 19-20).

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14. HONG KONG

FOR THE FIRST TIME, TWO OF HONG KONG'S COMMUNIST LEADERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE PRESIDUM OF CHINA'S NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. THE ELECTION OF TA KUNG PAO PUBLISHER, MR. FEI I-MIN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, MR. YEUNG KWONG, CONVEYS PEKING'S APPROVAL OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRC'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COLONY.

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